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MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench within the greenbelt off Livingston Drive, between St. Joseph and Argonne Avenues, in memory of Patricia Johnson Saunders

DISCUSSION

Mr. Scott Saunders is requesting the placement of one memorial bench to honor his mother, Patricia Johnson Saunders (Attachment #1). Mr. Saunders will provide the funds for the memorial bench.

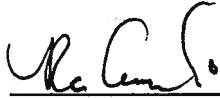
Patricia Johnson Saunders was raised in Long Beach by her grandparents in Belmont Heights. As a young girl, she learned how to sail her sabot with her little sister Shirley at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. She went on to become a dedicated nurse, Air Force wife, traveling the world and mother of three. Her illustrious nursing career led her to work in mobile units in impoverished Miami, health fairs in Northern Virginia, and as a nurse for both the Washington Post and for the American Embassy in Paris. Despite her worldwide travels, Patty still returned to Long Beach whenever she could. Her most precious memories were in Long Beach with her grandparents and no matter where she was in the world, Long Beach was always home.

The proposed site for the memorial bench is located within the greenbelt off Livingston Drive, between St. Joseph and Argonne Avenues (Attachment #2). This will be a new bench constructed of concrete with a bronze plaque recessed on the center of the backrest. Staff from the Marine Maintenance Division will facilitate the installation upon Parks and Recreation Commission approval.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



RAMON AREVALO
MANAGER
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

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Patricia Saunders Bench.doc
Attachments

APPROVED:



PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR

City of Long Beach
Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Memorial Bench Information Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to assist the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the requesting party in facilitating the approval process with the Recreation Commission and/or Marine Advisory Commission as well as gaining the necessary permits. Additionally, this process identifies plaques and benches that maintain a standardized appearance in City parks and tideland areas. Please complete the following information and return to:

Cory Forrester
 Marine Maintenance
 6204 E. 2nd. Street
 Long Beach, CA 90803 Cell: (562) 254-4211; Office: (562) 570-1582
 E-mail: Cory_forrester@longbeach.gov

Personal Information**Please Print**

Name of individual being memorialized: PATRICIA JOHNSON SAUNDERS

Resident of Long Beach: Yes

If yes, how many years: 15

Requested location of bench: TODDLER PARK NEAR PARK & LIVINGSTON

Requested verbiage for plaque: IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER, PATRICIA JOHNSON SAUNDERS 1947 – 2009 CALIFORNIA GIRL

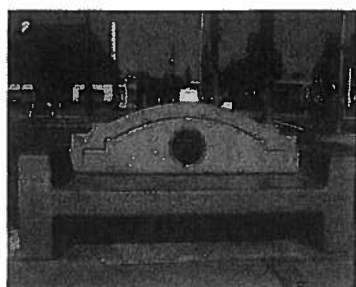
Please provide a brief history of the individual and include any significant life or community accomplishments: **(At least one paragraph)**

MY MOM GREW UP ON ARGONNE AVE IN LONG BEACH. SHE MARRIED MY DAD AND WE TRAVELED THE WORLD IN THE MILITARY. SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO BACK TO LONG BEACH TO LIVE, BUT WASN'T ABLE TO.

Contact Name & Phone Number: SCOTT SAUNDERS 949-290-4263

Standard Pre-Cast Concrete Memorial Bench and Plaque

Example of bench and plaques. Total cost of bench plaque and all labor and materials for installation will be quoted upon approval of application.



Plaque Layout

1. The requesting party would like the plaque to be: **RECTANGULAR** in shape.
2. The requesting party would like the plaque to read as shown below.

Line 1: IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER

Line 2: PATRICIA JOHNSON SAUNDERS

Line 3: "CALIFORNIA GIRL"

Line 4: 1947 - 2009



Patricia Saunders Memorial Bench Livingston Drive Park

